Honors top athletes

Niagara College held its annual Athletic Banquet April 19 in which top athletes were honored. Nancy Mather and Paul Weller were named outstanding athletes of the year. See page 11 for details.

Final play educates

The final production of the Niagara College Theatre Centre holds many educational surprises for the child. The Phantom Tollbooth encourages imagination and learning. See pg. 9.

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From left to right are; Paul Weller, male athlete of the year; Nancy Mather, female athlete of the year; and Dave O'Laughlin, most valuable hockey player and male freshman athlete of the year. (Photo by Stewart)

Names Ferguson student director

Bette Ferguson, counselling manager, has been appointed director of student services. The announcement, effective April 11, was made by Dr. Nora E. McCardell, executive director of educational and student services.

The position adds athletics and student government activities to her responsibilities which consist of counselling, placement, co-op training, health, career services and affirmative action.

"I anticipate that she will also assume certain other areas of responsibility which have been carried by me since the retirement of Al Aboud (director of student services) in the summer of 1981," Dr. McCardell's announcement said. "You will be advised of these changes as they impact on your operation within the coming months," the statement addressed to college administrators continued.

A personality profile on Mrs. Ferguson appears in another section of this edition.

Thieves hit coffee machines, guards double their rounds

For the third time in the last two weeks, a coffee machine has been broken into at the college.

Jim Fallon, vending manager for Niagara Frontier Caterers, said about $20 was stolen from each machine. Damage to the machines, including the stolen money boxes was about $100 per machine.

Latches on the front doors of the machines cost about $40 each and the cash boxes about $27 each.

"We haven't had this kind of problem at the college before," Mr. Fallon said. "It has just been these incidents in the last few weeks."

Mr. Fallon said there has not been this kind of problem at other schools in the area.

To combat the vandals, security guards are doubling their rounds.

"The problem with the machine in the Simcoe building is it is isolated and cannot be seen from a distance," Mr. Fallon said.

WV senate meeting

Welland Vale's new Student Senate executive began its term in office two weeks ago at the St. Catharines' campus. Senate members will meet with college officials for an orientation program.

The new president is Larry Bundy, an industrial electronics student. The vice-president, Warren Southwick, is in the welding fitter course, secretary Doris Maxwell and treasurer Lisa Thompson are in drafting.

The assistant treasurer is Lois McNully, academic upgrading. The events chairpersons are Sylvia Bedard, academic upgrading, and Bob Duggan, in food services. The staff adviser to the Student Senate is Morris Bosey.

The orientation program will acquaint members with the aims and objectives of the senate. College officials will discuss the duties of the executive, interaction with the staff and guidelines for using senate trust fund money in projects benefitting Welland Vale students.

Hopes to computerize college library system

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

The library may be getting new circulation equipment, Stephen Kees, chief librarian, said. Niagara College would be one of five colleges, the first outside Toronto, to have this system if it is approved.

The system consists of an IBM computer which is able to do a variety of functions, including searches, acquisitions, cataloguing and circulation. The system was developed in 1979 by Bell Canada.

The computer is connected by telephone with the computer centre in Toronto. The operator may talk through a telephone receiver or through a speaker located in the body of the computer, Maneck Khambatta, general manager of administration of the Bibliocentre, said.

The Bibliocentre is a co-operative run by the community colleges in Ontario, Mr. Kees said. It has its offices in Toronto, and takes care of the buying and processing of library books for community colleges in Ontario. It also serves Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

INCREASE EFFICIENCY

Mr. Kees said the new system would increase efficiency. It would help librarians to be better oganized and decrease errors, would be able to read information regarding the borrower and material, and handle overdue books efficiently. "It can handle this particular job better than people can," Mr. Kees said.

This system will enable the librarians to get rid of routine jobs and use their time for better purposes. For example, they will be able to assist students and look after the collection of materials. Mr. Kees said, "The system is relatively inexpensive compared to what you get." It has possibilities for a number of tasks and may even be used in other departments.

Best in Bluegrass

By KAREN NORELL
Staff Writer

Southern Ontario has the best bluegrass following in the country, and Niagara College has the best in Bluegrass.

For the past four years, Denis LePage, who now works in the computer department at the college, has been awarded the title of Best Banjo Player by the Canadian Bluegrass Review. Each year a festival is held and the patrons vote for their favorite musicians.

Mr. LePage has been strumming the ole banjo since he was 17. He played with the Station Road band, and toured Canada and the United States. The band recorded three albums during their years together.

The 31-year-old banjoist recently left the band to join the ranks of Computer Programming at Niagara College. "The full-time thing became a real grind after a while." He finds his work with computers very interesting and can now spend more time with his wife and two children.

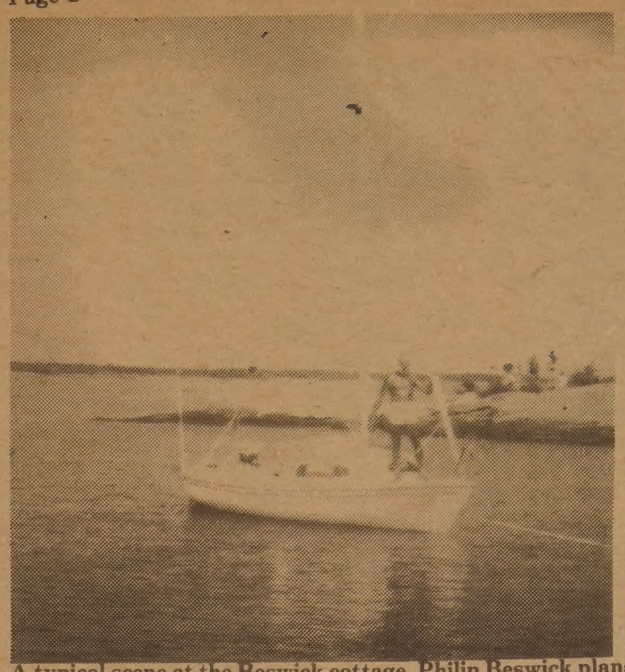
"I don't miss it as much as I thought I would. It helps to still be in a band part-time." Mr. LePage now picks part-time with Limited Edition. The band has plans for an active summer including playing at the Winnipeg and Vancouver folk festivals.

Bluegrass fans can look forward to an album produced by the CBC which features Mr. LePage and Station Road. The album has just been completed and will be out this summer.

SAC bash

The 83-84 Student Administrative Council (SAC) has arranged a year-end bash at the Rose Villa this Wednesday, April 27.

The pub will open at 1 p.m. Tickets are available at the SAC office for $3.50. Tickets sold at the door will be $4.50 and guest tickets will be $5.50.



A typical scene at the Beswick cottage. Philip Beswick plans to spend a lot of time in the summer at his cottage on Georgian Bay once he retires.

College's 1st instructor retires after 16 years

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

The first instructor hired by the college will be retiring at the end of August.

Philip Beswick, co-ordinator of the Metallurgy and Physics program, will retire after 16 years of working at the college due "partly to the fact that one's 65th birthday is an established retirement benchmark and I have many things to do that I don't have time for now," he said. Mr. Beswick will be 65 in July.

The white-haired, bearded man said he has been "on the (college) payroll since 1967" and helped establish the chemistry and physics labs in Hennepin Hall before the college opened. "One thing that I'm a bit proud of is that I've never missed a day in my 16 years of teaching, never used a day of sick leave, so it follows that I start my retirement in good health."

Before beginning his work at Niagara College, Mr. Beswick was an engineer with the Aluminum Company of Canada for 24 years. he graduated in 1942 from Queen's University in Kingston with a bachelor of science degree. In 1967 he attended the College of Education at the University of Western Ontario for one year and received his diploma in education.

Mr. Beswick is looking forward to retiring—"naturally, because I don't have to retire, it's my option."

Cottage life

He owns a cottage on Georgian Bay near Parry Sound and plans to extend the usual two-month summer vacation to five months "from now on."

The appeal was made obvious by photographs of his cottage pinned on the wall of his office. They spoke of azure skies, tranquil waters and quiet at a cottage partially hidden by trees. Others showed Mr. Beswick, bronzed by the summer sun, smiling from his sailboat.

But that doesn't mean Mr. Beswick will spend all his time being caressed by the sun and rocked by the bay. He said he is a "compulsive fixer" and will keep busy maintaining the cottage and his boat, seeking professional help only when absolutely necessary. His compulsion for fixing will be relieved by "routine maintenance" of his two cars, the cottage and the Fonthill house where they will spend their winters.

Mr. Beswick said he also was looking forward to "tidying up a very untidy workshop area so I can work in it." One of the projects he has in mind is the construction of a martin house. He said the martin is a bird that is very fussy about the home it chooses, but once a house meets up to its picky expectations, you "get about 20 pairs of martins per house." Because of the number of black flies around the cottage, and the fact that martins "devour" mosquitoes and balck flies, Mr. Beswick plans to place the birdhouse in front of the cottage.

Mr. Beswick also enjoys all the work that goes into the maintenance of the cottage, such as splitting wood. Such tasks are "hobbies rather than work. Work is what you're doing when you'd rather be doing something else."

After philosophical pause, he added: "Some people are lucky, but most, though they enjoy their work, find it doesn't suffice as a hobby. I think it's important that people seek hobbies that complement their work life. It's important that everybody do something creative. It's important to basic contentment.'

Former student receives award

Journalism graduate Beverly Delaney won first prize for editorial writing in the 1982 Western Ontario Newspaper Awards. She received the award Saturday at a black-tie dinner in Kitchener.

A 1976 graduate of Niagara College, Mrs. Delaney received the award for a series of three editorials published in the Niagara Falls Review which examined the city manager's job. She questioned the worth of the post, calling for a full financial report; the second editorial urged council to get rid of the post because of poor results and excessive costs, and the third called for council to eliminate the position which it did. The city manager resigned before the third editorial appeared.

BEVERLY DELANEY

The editorials were cited as "the best example of what a vigilant press can accomplish" by the judges.

Mrs. Delaney joined the staff of the Niagara Falls Review in 1978. Before that she was editor of the Niagara Magazine Alive and Well. In 1977, she completed a bachelor's degree in political science at Brock University. She worked as a part-time reporter for Radio Station C-HOW, Welland, from May, 1976 to November, 1978.

Mrs. Delaney recieved a cash award and a trophy.

Final note from Angi

Fellow Students:

The school year of 1982-83 is quickly coming to a close, and I am sure we are all looking forward to lazy days under the summer sun. I hope everyone had a successful and worthwhile year, both educationally and socially.

Your SAC 83-83 took great pleasure in helping to bring to all Niagara students a variety of activities to help shape your college life this year. For the 83-84 school year, with your support and participation, I'm sure the new SAC ("Noel and Company") will provide Niagara with the activities everyone has come to desire.

In closing, on behalf of the SAC "Solidarity Party 82-83", I wish to thank everyone for your support and confidence, and wish everyone good luck for 83-84.

Carmen Angi
Student President 82/83

Technology graduate receives U. S. award

A Niagara College graduate of computer technology has won an award for scholastic excellence at a New York university.

Paul Cianflone, 26, won the Dean's Award for Scholastic Excellence for Engineering Technology Foreign Students at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Technology. He enrolled in a special program in which diploma graduates of three-year Ontario colleges can earn a baccalaureate in a year.

Paul's math and technical preparation were superb. He was able to make the transition to engineering with essentially no deficiencies because of his excellent background in mathematics, project work and oral presentation he received at Niagara College, Dean Galbiati, Engineering Technology Division at SUNY, said.

MASTER'S DEGREE

Paul said he plans to enter a master of engineering degree program at Syracuse University in September "unless the master's program is launched at SUNY by then."

John Clark, computer technology program co-ordinator at Niagara College, said Paul is the first graduate who plans to get a masters degree.

Paul's marks were above average and he was "always very interested in what he was doing," Mr. Clark said. He was pleasant and a good student.

While attending Niagara College, Paul was a member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineeers (IEEE) and the Computer Club. He played guitar part-time in a band during the school months and managed the family restaurant in the summer to earn money to continue his education.

Maybe it's time you jumped into something more demanding than a car pool.
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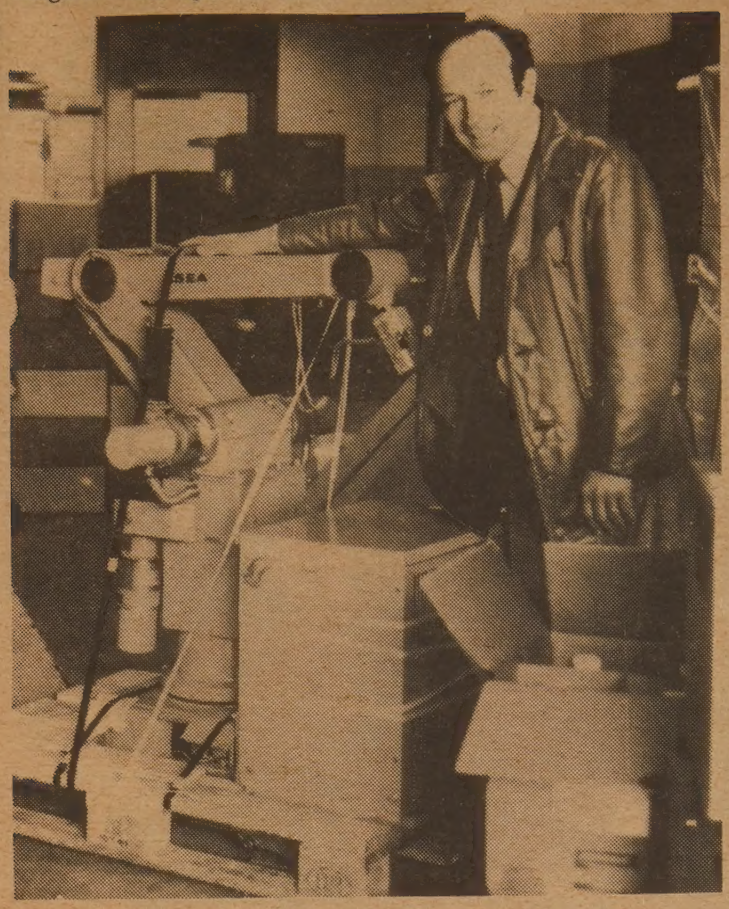

Nick Ciolfi proudly displays the largest model of the new robots for the mechanical engineering program.
(Photo by Eddingfield)

Five robots arrive at Niagara College

Five robots—the first at Niagara College—have arrived on campus, but classes with them will not begin until January.

The five, including four industrial robots, are for the mechanical engineering program of the school of technology. They should be ready for us in daytime and evening classes in January, Nick Ciolfi, program co-ordinatior, said.

Right now they need a home. The largest, including its main manipulator and six-foot-high control cabinet, weights 1,100 pounds and will be permanently mounted in one spot. The permanent site has not yet been decided upon.

"Four of the five robots are typical industrial-type robots," Mr. Ciolfi said. They will be used to teach the students how robots function. The students will learn how to program them by use of a microprocessor attached to each unit.

SOPHISTICATED ROBOT

The largest robot has a program capacity of 500 positions and 200 other commands. It can perform such sophisticated tasks as welding, grinding, polishing, packaging and palletizing (taking components from a conveyor belt and organizing them into a specific patern). This type of robot is now found doing the more hazardous and monotonous jobs in factories.

The fifth and smallest is fully portable and it is the only robot designed specifically for educational purposes.

Mr. Ciolfi sees robots as being a definite part of the future and said the country will lose more jobs if Canadians put more of them to use. He believes that although robots are taking jobs away from people, more jobs are being created for maintaining, repairing and programming them.

Though it had been thought earlier that robotics would be on the curriculum in September, students will take a fluid mechanic course in the fall which will lead to pneumatics and hydraulic and thus to robotics, Mr. Ciolfi said.

Welland gas is cheapest

39.9, 32.4, 33.9, 29.9 and 34.1. These are not the averages of the first-year journalism students. These figures are related to a war that has been raging for the past two weeks.

Not to worry, though. It is not a nuclear war or even a tug-o-war. It is a gas war, and that means savings.

Since January, the price of a regular litre of gas has been fluctuating somewhere between the low 30s and low 40s.

Welland was the first to experience some of the lowest gas prices in the peninsula, and the students at Niagara College were some of the first to take advantage of them.

One student from St. Catharines even began taking her friends cars to school so she could fill their tanks in Welland where the prices were the lowest.

Now, prices are dropping everywhere. No one knows how long it will last, but in this time of economic tribulation even temporary low prices are a refreshing change.

Rise in applications, no foreign students

By JOHN SHERWIN
Staff Writer

Because of the large increase in applications, it is unlikely that Niagara College will be accepting any new foreign student for the 1983-84 school year.

Mary Petruzella, admissions officer, said there has been a 45 per cent increase in applications, and, as a result, there will probably not be room for any new foreign students in the various programs or general college.

"We have to give preference to Ontario—residents and with so many applications this year, we may take just Ontario students," Miss Petruzella said.

She referred to Memorandum 70-A-4. dated Oct. 27, 1970, from the ministry of colleges and universities. It states that "students will be admitted to colleges of applied arts and technology in the following order of preference: 1. Permanent residents of Ontario. 2. Permanent residents from other Canadian provinces. 3. Overseas students from Commonwealth countries. 4. Students from foreign countries."

LAST CHOICE

This memorandum makes foreign students the last choice when others are available. Miss Petruzella said the preferences may be reduced to only two categaories this year, as more and more applications come in every day.

The large increase in applications this year, she said, is due partly to the depressed economy and to the number of colleges to which students are applying.

Applications are up at all community colleges, as students attempt to gain entrance into the program of their choice, she said.

The only programs at Niagara that have not been recieving a surge of applications, are library technician, theatre arts, and survey technician.

Three bilingual programs, tourism, early childhood education, and secretarial arts, are receiving a low number of applicants.

Register by mail years 2,3

Registration for second and third year Niagara College students will be done through the mail this summer.

Students will be informed of whether they are allowed to return or not when they receive a report of their marks some time in May.

A list of electives will be sent at the time of registration. Students will be asked to choose a number of electives since their first choice may be full.

The ministry of colleges and universities has raised the total tuition fee to $575. Students will be asked to pay all or half of it by August 1.

Bette Ferguson

'Not one to sit around'

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

Bette Ferguson, new director of student services, has a schedule which includes student services, counsellor, co-ordinator of Affirmative Action, career placement and health services among others. Mrs. Ferguson is not one to sit around and do nothing!

Mrs. Ferguson is "very pleased" with her new appointment. She feels it will be a challenging part of her career and may prove to be very rewarding.

She has been with Niagara College for 15 years, starting at Welland Vale campus in 1968 with adult education. She transferred to the main campus in 1971.

Mrs. Ferguson is originally from the United Kingdom. She moved to Canada in 1956, and now lives in Fonthill. In Canada, she completed her education. She did her undergraduate work at Concordia University in Montreal. Later, she did her graduate work at Niagara University where she obtained her master of education degree. While she was in Montreal, she taught French and English for several years.

BETTE FERGUSON

Mrs. Ferguson enjoys several hobbies. She likes to cook, attend the theatre, walk and do crossword puzzles.

In addition to her other responsibilities, Mrs. Ferguson is involved with SAC liaison, student transportation, some high school liaison and a student leadership course. She is also manager of counsellilng and health. She is, indeed, someone who does not sit idly by.

Job training program begins

By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

Job Readiness Training program for native peoples was launched on March 7 with a full complement of 20 students.

"A program that we have been dialoguing with the Native Friendship Centre since 1980 has finally started," Virgie Roberts-Hannah, program co-ordinator of Basic Job Readiness Training (BJRT), said.

The 20-week program is serviced by the Native Friendship Centre, sponsored by Canada Employment Centres and administered by Niagara College.

The salient aim is to involve the natives in the mainstream of the work force, she said. The program is to teach them problem-solving and coping skills, life skills and job-search skills, to develop a set of occupational goals which are

TRAINING ALTERNATIVES

Oriented towards developing "an understanding and appreciation of our cultural differences," Mrs. Roberts-Hannah said the project aims to help identify possible training alternatives for native peoples, such as the art school in the west or further training to work in the 65 training centres in Canada.

Operated under the BJRT program, the centre is located at Lincoln Arts Centre, 85 Church St., St. Catharines.

Students are required to have one or two work placements for assessment which may then lead to direct hiring or training on the job.

As of March 28, two students have obtained jobs, two are on work placements, three will be on work placement next week and two tours of plants have taken place.

Candidates are referred by the Native Friendship Centre via the local Canada Employment Centres and are selected in terms of eligibility.

SET CRITERIA

The criteria are that they should have been out of school for at least a year, should be 17 years or older and should possess functional literacy skills.

Joe Hestor, executive director of the Niagara Regional Native Centre and originator of the idea, has been collaborating with David Davies, chairman of human development, and Mrs. Roberts-Hannah, in co-operation with Canada Employment Centre, to start the program.

A native coach, Blanche Meawassige, has been appointed to work with the senior coach, Angela North.

"We are pleased it is running," Mr. Davies said.

then "priorized and defined in terms of requirements and implementation."

Central location for BJRT

Basic Job Readiness Training has been centralized to one location following the closing of individual programs in both Niagara Falls and Welland. As of April 4, there has been one BJRT regional centre at 85 Church St. in St. Catharines.

Virgie Roberts-Hannah, prorgram co-ordinator, said because of the Niagara College bus system, it is now possible for students to travel to one centralized location.

Students will be referred to the regional centre by Canada Employment Centres in all five cities, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, St. Catharines and Welland. Though their studies are in St. Catharines, job placement will be in the cities where they live.

"One advantage of commuting to one regional centre is to expose the possibility of mobility in their future," she said.

Under the umbrella of BJRT are three different groups. There are 20 native students, 20 students sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre, and 20 students sponsored by other organizations. Although the general curriculum is the same, the content is changed to meet individual student needs.

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EDITORIALS

Reflections of '83

With the end of the term just a few days away, most students' thoughts will turn to the long, inviting summer ahead.

But before you look ahead, look back—on this past school year.

For first-year students: Was Niagara what you thought it would be? Have you switched courses, or are you one of the remaining few? For graduating students: Have you found a job yet? Are you satisfied with the education you received here?

This past year at Niagara has been a very interesting one.

Ed Broadbent paid us a visit this year. Did you attend his speech?

Hats off to SAC who provided us with top notch pubs throughout the year.

A tip of the chapeau as well to Niagara's sports teams. The players on all teams gave their best and still had time to fit an education into their busy schedule.

Let's not forget the trainers, managers and coaches who make the sporting events an enjoyable experience.

Thanks also to the loyal fans who supported the teams through thick and thin. Hope to see you out at the games again next season.

And finally, to those graduating. Good luck in your careers and look back on your days here with happiness; they are no more.

Bill Potrecz

Campus needs pub

Student councils have tried unsuccessfully to build school spirit for years while students complain of boredom as they sit in small lounges scattered throughout the college.

The problem of low school spirit is related to the absence of a student centre on campus.

Our cafeteria is isolated from the main part of the school; therefore students tend to form small groups in the lounges. Because of this, students have little opportunity to meet others from different programs. It is impossible to build spirit until students think of themselves as members of a large school instead of members of a small program.

The noise problem in the library could also be solved by a student centre. Students would have an alternative place to work in groups, and thus draw these students out of the library and create a quieter atmosphere for individual students to study.

The Student Administrative Council(SAC) had an impressive plan drawn up for a student centre to be built in the Manera court. This site is ideal because of its size and central location. However, SAC said the plan will probably be turned down because of the cost.

Students' interest in this subject is passive because they feel they will be gone before the student centre is built. This passive attitude is the reason we don't already have a student centre. Let's stop thinking of ourselves and start thinking of the future good of the college. At this rate we won't see a student centre for years.

Russ Duhaime

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Art of stripping

Carol says, 'No, no' to baring it in ads

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Colby's Hotel, a strip bar in Niagara Falls, runs ads featuring semi-clad women with captions such as "The Hottest Young Nymph to Come Along in Years."

I object.

I am aware of the reality that strip joints do exist whether I like it or not. I am aware that some who patronize such establishments do so only as an occasional diversion. They have a healthy perspective about women in general.

Studies say that many people who work in or continually frequent these places are emotionally and sexually immature. They have severe trouble relating to real people of the opposite sex.

Many of the strippers actually hate men, and the teasing of the strip, with no end result—that of joyous human sex—is a metaphorical way for them to slap men in the face.

A man who must satisfy his mental picture of a woman being a real "bitch" before he can get aroused is, to me, a sad fellow indeed.

Will these kind of people ever have a chance to be really close and intimate with another human being? Do they "love to hate" or do they "hate to love"?

The running of these kinds of ads caters to immaturity. The ads are offensive to those of us who would like to think that women can be valued by a man, not only for their sexual appeal, but for warmth of character, laughter and a sparkle in the eye.

Cindy says, 'Why not?'

By CINDY MANN
Staff Writer

Are newspapers promoting female nudity, or even condoning the profession (some consider it an art) of stripping? Some would agree, by the mere fact that newspapers carry ads by Colby's Hotel advertising their Monday to Friday strip shows. These slick ads feature a provocative picture of a semi-clad female, followed by such tantalizing phrases as "The Hottest Young Nymph to come along in years." To add insult to injury for some, the ads announce, for all to see, that free nightly admission is granted to students presenting ID cards.

So what is the real issue here?

Some may find the ad offensive or degrading to women, but that is immaterial. The Niagara News, for example, strives to be a professional newspaper, and part of that operation includes paid advertising. In the business communiuty, advertising supports newspapers, and it would be presumptuous of anyone to take it upon himself to censor the paper's content.

So basically the question remains: Not whether strip show ads reflect poor taste or depict an act some consider morally wrong, but rather are the ads acceptable advertising?

Personally, I wouldn't mind seeing an advertisement for the male strippers Colby's Hotel engages! Fair is fair, so how about catering to some of the female population at Niagara College?

Technology graduates 'are best'

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Pride and excitement were in the air as graduating technology students unveiled the fruits of their labors at the Niagara College Eighth Annual Technical Report Night April 7.

One Stoney Creek man commented, "The quality of technical reports at Niagara College is very high, the highest I've seen."

Thirty-two written technical reports were displayed in the Hamilton Room following a banquet arranged by the Niagara College student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). High school and college teacher, students, and businessmen from as far away as Hamilton attended.

Eugene Tekatch, president of Tektron Equipment Corporation in Stoney Creek, told the Niagara News he was very impressed with the high quality of the reports presented. "I taught at Mohawk College for six years. A lot of colleges have downgraded it (the technical report) to the point where it is just a library exercise."

This year's organizers Emile Sahely, second-year computor technology, and Peter Toth, first-year electronics technician, agreed that the report night is the final peak of a technical students' learning experience at Niagara College.

"It shows their understanding of subjects with regard to design, manufacture and research," Peter said. Each technology student must complete a technical report in order to graduate.

Four graduating students were honored by their classmates in being chosen to give oral and visual presentations of their reports.

Computer technology student Tom Vinc presented his report on A Computer-Based Heating System Controller. He demonstrated how a computer can be hooked up to a solar heating system and be programmed to turn the heating system on and off at given temperatures.

FROM COFFEE CAN

Jeff Stones, electronics technology student, built a ground station video receiver using an ordinary coffee can and a modified UHF antenna covered with aluminum mesh. The receiver can be used to pick up TV channel broadcasts. His report was titled, 2.51 GHz Microwave Receiver System.

Power technology student Dan Sebert designed and built a single phased power factor meter for his presentation on A Digital Power Factor Meter. The meter can be hooked up to a power line leading to home or office to measure the true power being used.

Simon Guard demonstrated the use of a computer in teaching young technologists how a computer processor works in his report Graphic Simulation of a Microprocessor for Computer-Aided Instruction.

Remove locks

The Student Administrative Council reminds students that all locks must be off lockers by June 30. Otherwise, they will be cut off.

Compassion for rights

Dear Editor:

I received a copy of your paper in the mail April 5 and found it quite interesting. The material on most of the news pages was well done but I must take exceptions to a few items on the editoral page of your March 28 issue.

Your lead editorial sucked. Nasty talk, but true. First, I don't believe you have grasped the difference between a right and a privilege. Rights are not necessarily earned.

You and I and everyone else in the world have the right to our personal freedom and the security of ourselves from violence inflicted by others, whether the subtle violence of the state of the vicious violence of a criminal. We have the right to life, liberty and property. Whether we are able to enjoy those rights or not depends partly on where we live and how much effort we put into defending them.

In our society, competition exists between people and groups of people for a finite amount of wealth and power. So, of course, the "giver" of social service money is not going to thank the receiver. But the alternative to social services—destitution, privation—is something our society will not tolerate. Some welfare recipients are treated poorly. Some recipients are bums. And although we don't have a system that treates every worthy recipient with dignity and every bum with disdain, should we abandon the attempts to reach fairness? While a solution to all social service problems is a Utopean ideal, the real crunch comes when we say "screw them all" and quit trying.

Before you wrap up your little screed, you turn and dump on native people.

Do you really believe the native people of Canada are after a "greedy land deal?" Perhaps it may seem greedy to you that they want a solution to the problems caused by a brutal cultural impact coupled with the destruction of their economy. No one has offered the Indians British Columbia. And the Indians have not asked for it. Even the federal government (God bless 'em) realizes the just claim of **some** of the native groups. Others have not got such just claims. So it goes in this society. It may be worked out. Then again, it may not. But to stomp away from the serious negotiations of the past few years and suggest the participants are loaded is a childish and simplistic act.

Look, it does grate a bit when people complain about rights. Some of them are such obvious deadbeats. But you used an awfuly wide brush. I may seem as though I am booming a load of causes that you have little time for. Not necessarily so. All I am trying to do is show you that you must preserve the rights of others to struggle to protect **their** rights, lest there be no one around to protect **your** rights should the chickens come home to roost.

I can understand your cynicism. It is a hard world but try to show a little compassion. Hard people get treated hard. There's always enough time to be fair, and that is supposedly what this business is supposed to be about.

Best of luck,
Mark Bourrie
The Free Press,
Midland, Ont.

Job market gets tough

Dear Editor:

Your recent article on the job market describes the job prospects for 1983 technical grads as "good". I wish they were! Instead, the job prospects are the worst in 30 years or more.

Graduates of the three-year technology program may be a little better off than some other kinds of CAAT graduates, but that is little encouragement.

I am not at all sure that technologists are better off than engineers in today's market. Certainly, it is not true to say, as you quote me, that there are not enough technicians and technologists.

But one sign is encouraging: job hunters whom we have interviewed who have devoted 40 hours a week to job hunting and made scores or even hundreds of applications, in spite of today's poor job market, have obtained jobs in six to 12 weeks.

Neil A. Macdougall
President
Technical Service Council

(Ed's note: The heading on the article, "Job Prospects good for 1983 tech grads," First Edition, Vol. 7, No. 1, March 28, 1983, placed too much emphasis on the job prospects for graduates rather than on the steady demand for graduates from technology-oriented colleges, as outlined by Mr. Macdougall.)

Second year says thanks

Dear Editor:

I was surprised—and happy—at the editoral in your April 11 edition, entitled "When greed is legal."

Being a second-year journalism student, I'd like to thank Don Bernard for the opening remark in his editorial. It's nice to know our help was appreciated. I'm sure I can safely say, on behalf of all the second-years, it feels good knowing we were able to pass onto other students any knowledge we have. (Thinking back to our First Edition, I'm sure many of us wondered if we'd make it through second year!) But we did make it and it was about the best two years of my life.

Thank you, Mr. Jelbert and Mrs. Blue—and all of the instructors—for starting us off in our careers. Even though the economic situation is tough, there still are some jobs out there, and anything we did learn at Niagara College will never be lost. Thank you again for making college life bearable—and most memorable—and thank you for being the best instructors I've ever had!

To all first-year journalism students: Keep up the good work! Have a happy, and safe, summer and look forward to your second year; it may be the most memorable time of your life!

Sincerely,

Gloria Rizzuti
Second-year Journalism, 1983

Praise for SAC support

The Editor:

As the term draws to a close, I would like to publicly acknowledge the contribution of this year's Student Administrative Council to Niagara's cultural life.

SAC's support of the appearances of Irving Layton and the Toronto Mime Co. Unlimited attests to their awareness of the many dimensions of student interest at Niagara College.

Thank you, Carmen Angi, and the members of SAC.

Erika Church
English Division

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Food / Travel

First Barbecue

Overcast skies and intermittent drizzle could not dampen the spirit of the students as they flocked to the first annual barbecue on April 14. Niagara Frontier Caterers set up a table outside where they barbecued hot dogs which sold for 75 cents each. Soft drinks and desserts were also available. The event was a great success. Teams competed in a softball tournament, there was a hot dog eating contest, and the Dan Kozar band performed in the cafeteria. (Photo by Duhaime)

Tourism will create new jobs

By LINDA MacLEOD
Staff Writer

Advanced ideas are being proposed to help traffic and parking problems in the highly promoted tourist area of Niagara Falls. The plans for a new parking facility and a rail or bus system should be approved by the advisory committee at the end of April.

The advisory committee consists of representatives of the City of Niagara Falls; the Niagara Parks Commission; the Niagara Falls, Canada Visitor and Convention Bureau; the Greater Niagara Transit Commission, and the major tourist atractions. The chairman is Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson.

Mayor Thomson said the major problem in the city is overcrowding because of congested streets. "The problem has been consulted to death," he said. It has been discussed for the last 15 years with $140,000 going toward three studies and programs planning ideas for correctional services.

The estimated cost over a 10-year period is $60 million for the construction of new parking lots and the people-mover system. This total depending on the provincial government. Mayor Thomson said, "There are dollars available for us from the provincial government; it all depends on how much they agree to give us."

Financing will come from the municipal government, private tourist industry, Niagara Parks Commission, and provincial government.

Mayor Thomson said tourism will play an increasingly important role in the economy. "The Province of Ontario expects tourism to be the most important economic resource in the province by the end of this century."

Because of the big plans being made for Niagara Falls, employment may be gained from this booming industry. Construction will be a major mode of employment for the primary stages of the new plan.

A great deal of construction work will be done to complete the plan. Large companies will be hired. "We don't distinguish between unionized and non-unionized workers. Whoever is the best for the job will be hired."

Permanent jobs inthe tourist industry will be doubled with the construction is completed. About 8,500 new jobs will be created.

The main objective is to keep the tourists in the city longer and to direct them to the major tourist attractions. The people-mover system will assist tourists through the tourist area with many stops to see the attractions. By leaving their vehicles in designated areas, they will be able to, and will want to, spend more time in the city.

Construction should be completed by 1993. "That's the ultimate time! Depending on the money coming in from the Niagara Parks Commission and the provincial government, it will be completed by then."

Rapid transit best system

By JUDY McEWEN
Staff Writer

Picture yourself reading the paper, doing your homework or just snoozing, while you glide smoothly, soundlessly to school.

Sound futuristic? Well, it won't be if Albert Mettler has his way. Electric rapid transit, linking St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland, would be cheap, comfortable and safer than any other mode of transportation, according to Mr. Mettler who has submitted a proposal to the Niagara Regional planning board.

Although the planning committee was "very receptive," the proposal has not been formally approved, but was forwarded to the Ontario government for further study.

A supplement to his proposal suggests the "possibility" of a station at Niagara College.

With trains running every half-hour during rush hour and every hour throughout the day, rapid transit would be appealing to students who are fed up with parking problems, traffic hassles and those exasperating waits at the canal bridges (trains would run under the canal.

Students who finish classes at noon would not have to wait for the 4:45 bus, or other car-pool members, to go home. In snow, ice and fog, which the Niagara peninsula has lots of, trains are safer and more reliable than road vehicles, Mr. Mettler said.

Mr. Mettler, who is an accountant for the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls, developed an interest in electric rapid transit while attending school in Switzerland. He was "struck by the contrast" between European and Canadian rail systems, which he describes as "primative."

The "self-taught" railway design consultant said, "Railway technology in Canada is 80 to 100 years behind Europe."

Mr. Mettler, founder of the Canadian Metric Association, seems undaunted by the slowness of local and provincial governments' acceptance of his proposal.

Welland City Council, though, was "most enthusiastic" about his ideas. Besides the advantage of a rapid transit system, Welland industries could benefit from manufacturing cars, rails and other equipment for the system.

"Detailed cost studies" and suggested fares were worked out and included in his original 200-page proposal. "Being an accountant really helps."

The whole system would cost about $300 per Niagara resident which, compared to $1,400 per resident for the Toronto Transit and GO systems, is not that much, he said.

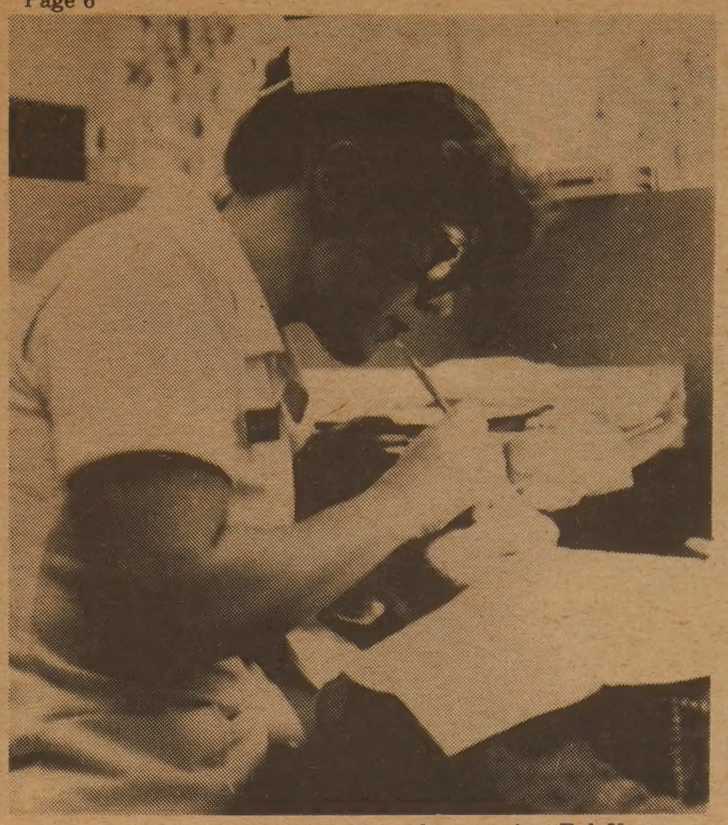
Fares should be competetive with the cost of running a car, or about $1 to $1.50.

Mr. Mettler said electric railways are so comfortable the passenger is hardly aware he is moving, and modern equipement makes rail travel far safer that road travel.

Electrical power, readily available in Ontario, is cheaper than imported oil.

Existing abandoned lines and rights-of-way would be used to avoid disruption of buildings and to save money.

Electric trains never run out of gas, don't get flat tires and start on the coldest of mornings.



Hygiene student Jane Beldnior works on patient Bob Young college employee,. (Photo by Sedore)

Hygiene students need teeth for test

Patients are requested for dental hygiene students who will be tested for their licence June 9 and 10.

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons (RCDS) sends an examining team to Niagara College to test the students.

Sandra Stewart, dental hygiene co-ordinator, said patients will be needed throughout May, but specifically on June 9 and 10.

The RCDS team will test the students on their ability to clean teeth, called scaling and polishing. The successful students will be licensed to practise dental hygiene in Ontario.

Licencees can seek employment as professionals oral heath educators or as an auxiliary to a dentist. Scientific methods are used to prevent oral diseases and to attain good dental health.

The students apply their knowledge and skills to patients in the clinic at Niagara College. The hygiene program is an advanced training course requiring a prerequisite of dental assisting and a minimum of one year's work experience in the field.

There will be about four clinics running per week and all dental treatment is done free of charge. Contact Mary Gauvreau, extension 442, third floor Simcoe Building for an appointment.

At Welland Vale

Business booming for student senate

Welland Vale Student Senate is offering solar-powered calculator, a promotional prize for those who use its photocopier, Larry Bundy, senate president, said.

Other topics discussed at the biweekly senate included donations to charities, provision of cafeteria utilities for students at the Cushman Road classroom and financial assistance for the carpentry class.

The photocopier promotion will aid the senate financially if the promotion is successful. The Niagara College-owned photocopier in the library, which is losing money, will be replaced by the one which the senate owns, Larry said. "All the profits will go back to us, not to the rental company."

Welland Vale's senate decided to donate $100 to Easter Seals and Muscular Dystrophy. "We believe they are very worthwhile causes," Larry said.

Cafeteria facilities at the Cushman Road classroom are nonexistent so the senate would like to institute some lunch-room amenities. A fridge, hot plate or microwave oven would help out the students.

NOT ENOUGH TIME

"A 20-minute lunch isn't long enough to run to the store and back and then gulp down your lunch," Larry said. "A catering truck does come around but it is quite expensive."

The carpentry class at Welland Vale is short of money to purchase tool accessories that break in the course of the year so the senate has agreed to help them out. In exchange for building a suggestion box, shelves in the Student Senate office and a ticket booth for upcoming events, the senate will pay them a fee. The amount has not yet been decided.

The photocopier promotional campaign will award two Sharp solar-powered calculators per month to lucky students and staff. "A special mark on the paper that comes out of the machine will indicate who the lucky person is," Larry said.

Anyone can use the Student Senate photocopier at Welland Vale which is located in the counselling office on the first floor. The office is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and after 5 p.m.

A contest for the development of a Welland Vale campus logo opened last week, Larry said. The prize will be $25 and the contest is open to all Welland Vale students. The logo will be used on Student Senate stationery.

A monthly pub night is being planned for Welland Vale students at a location in St. Catharines. The starting date has not been decided.

The senate will award $20 to two students every two weeks in the Welland Vale euchre tournament. A trophy will bear the names of eventual winners after eight weeks of competition.

Occupying new office in Simcoe

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

The debris has been cleared away, and only occasional hammering sounds can be heard. Carpenters and electricians are putting the finishing touches on the newly renovated instructors' offices on the first floor of the Simcoe building.

English and academic staff are moved into their new offices. Comments from the staff ranged from "very happy," "very pleased," "delighted," to "ecstatic."

Wall and carpet decor from the "new naturals" decorating scheme give the offices a sunny and spacious appearance, in sharp contrast to the dark and crowded conditions of the former staff offices. Personal touches added by the teachers give their offices individuality.

Marti Jurmain and Helen Slade, English instructors, are planning to wallpaper a wall of the office they share.

Doug Rogers, co-ordinator of psychology, said he is "delighted," with his newly decorated office. He occupies the same one as before the renovation, but it appears more spacious. New desk? Or just the old desk pushed back against the wall? Anyone have any extra file baskets? Mr. Rogers could use some, he said.

The move into the offices was completed on March 22.

Renovation of the offices began in February. By Feb. 15 the staff had moved into temporary quarters. Work continued during winter break. When students returned, there were still sheets of wallboard, doors, cement blocks and other paraphernalia of construction to dodge as students moved to and from classes.

Originally it was planned to have one staff occupying the block, but the English, sociology and psychology departments are sharing.

Scholarships awarded

A $2,000 scholarship fund has been proposed by the Welland Vale Student Senate for graduating students, Larry Bundy, senate president, said.

Eight scholarships worth $250 each will be awarded to students if Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services, gives her approval.

Four scholarships will be awarded to academic upgrading students and four will go to trade students. The scholarships will help those who want to further their education or enter the work force, Larry said.

The money for the scholarships will come from the Student Senate trust fund.

Career Explorations helps students decide

Do you need help with your career goals? If so, Career Explorations is for you!

Career Explorations is a career information service which was started this term by the counselling department, and headed by Dorothy Bartram, co-ordinator of careers.

"This is a very worthwhile project by the college," Mrs. Bartram said. Though still in its infant stage, it is coming along well.

Career Explorations offers information about a wide variety of careers and opportunities, and is open to anyone interested.

The counselling department used to "give quite a bit of career information on a one-to-one basis with people coming into the college," Mrs. Bartram said. The counsellors decided it would be a good idea to have the study skills and career library in one place. Both are located in the learning resource centre, room T1.

The project is designed to aid first-year students who are unsure of their career direction. In addition, students coming into the college are aided in choosing the program suitable for them.

The career library has a variety of materials available for both study skills and career information. Career publications, video tapes, and cassettes are used to help the student.

Mrs. Bartram said the project is not offered on a regular basis. However, by September, a full information service will be offered. The days and hours will be determined at that time.

Career Explorations will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday of this week, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, in the career library. Anyone interested may attend on a drop-in basis.

NC grad dynamic achiever

By RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

Some people make things happen,
some watch things happen,
and some wonder what things happened.

Gord McTavish, a former Niagara College student, definitely makes things happen.

Thirty-seven-year-old Mr. McTavish is the director of personnel at Durham College, Oshawa.

Since 1973, Mr. McTavish has been involved with the personnel management and industrial relations committee at Niagara College. He has been chairman of the committee for the past seven years.

In 1970, Mr. McTavish graduated from the personnel management and industrial relations program at Niagara. His was the first graduating class in this program and he received an academic achievement-award.

Mr. McTavish's marks have not yet been surpassed. He kept up a 3.9 to 4 throughout the program making it on the Dean's list every year.

Even though he spent about five hours a night on homework he was still able to find time for such extra-curricular activities as the basketball team.

Finding that Niagara College offered the "strongest" program in the field, he chose it over Western, Toronto and Queen's University.

GORD MCTAVISH

His career began with Westinghouse Canada Ltd. at its corporate personnel department in Hamilton.

Ltd., a division of American Standard Inc., Stoney Creek.

Besides being the president of the Hamilton Personnel Assoc., he is also a member of the Personnel Assoc. of Durham Region, Niagara District, and Ontario.

Mr. McTavish was an instructor for labor relations (evening program) at Niagara and is past chairman of the Machine Shop Advisory Committee of Mohawk College.

He has also been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Stoney Creek, and the United Way.

If he had to do it over again, Mr. McTavish said he wouldn't work as hard at school.

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The executive for the Niagara Business Management Assoc. for 1983-84 are: (seated left to right) Henry Van de Laar, vice-president of fund raising; Joe Persia, president; Dave Miller, vice-president. (back row from left to right) Karen Sebert, vice-president of advertising; Laura Hurtubise, vice president of recording correspondence; and Chris Rupp, vice-president of finance. Missing from photo is Deborah Campbell, vice-president of educational resources. (Photo by Dinnocenzo)

Cancer Society seeking aid for Cancer month

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

Roger has been healthy most of his life. He has hardly ever had colds or flu. He actively participates in hockey and in local baseball leagues.

At age 27 there have been no health worries for Roger until now. All his plans had to be altered. Roger is stricken with leukemia.

Leukemia is a cancer which may begin in the bone marrow or in the lymph glands, but which ultimately affects all parts of the body. The cause is still unknown. Excessive radiation and exposure to some chemicals can cause the disease.

Roger works at a foundry in Hamilton. The constant exposure to pollution in Steel City, Canada, could have played a major role in his disease.

Now his ambition for success is limited because of his concentration to heal himself. The doctors prognosis was comparatively generous. He is given five to 10 years of normal life, with periodical lapses of feeling very ill.

Roger's life has been affected by cancer. But it is not only his life. His family had to adjust to the thought of losing someone close.

Cancer can be beaten. Everyone has heard this. April has been designated cancer month by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Each year during the month of April, hundreds of volunteers from the Welland area conduct a canvass for funds.

Services offered by the society include medication and pain-relieving drugs, ostomy supplies and prostheses. The unit provides transportation to out-of-town clinics. First-call visits are made to acquaint new patients with the services availavle from the cancer society.

The Welland and District Unit is operated entirely by volunteers. Only three per cent of the money raised is for administration costs. Lily Davidson, chairman of patient services, said 80 per cent of donations come from door-to-door canvassing.

More than 200,000 Canadians suffer from cancer. Each year 74,000 new cancer cases are diagnosed.

This year's canpaign objective for the Welland area is $46,500.

Cancer can hit anyone at any time. The Cancer Society reports seven warning signals.

Change in bowel or bladder habits.

A sore that does not heal.

Unusual bleeding or discharge.

Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere.

Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.

Obvious change in wart or mole.

Nagging cough or hoarseness.

If you have a warning signal, see your doctor. The earlier cancer is detected, the greater the chance of successfully treating it.

The canvassers work especially hard during April. When they call on you, be generous. Cancer can be beaten, yes, with a lot of help through donations.

About the same as last year

Prospects good for Co-op

By CHRIS GAREAU
Staff Writer

Co-op placement for Niagara students is about the same as last year's figures for the same period, co-op counsellors Rosemary Cawthorn and Wilma Puttee said. To date, 40 out of 132 co-op students have been placed in jobs.

Co-op programs are designed to include a minimum of 28 work weeks, or the equivalent, in the particular area of study. Work is sought from May to September for first-year students and from December to May for second-year students. If the co-op credit is not obtained,it is impossible for these students to graduate.

Niagara College offers six co-op programs: secretarial arts, bilingual secretary, tourism (French and English), legal assistant and retail management. The industrial management program had to be aborted because industries were not able to offer students work placement.

But Mrs. Cawthorn said there is no reason to be any more pessimistic than in the past. She said students are more pessimistic this year because the media have made them more aware of how bad the employment situation is.

MOST WILL SUCCEED

Last year most of the co-op students did eventually find work and she said most of them will this year, too. Mrs. Puttee reported 100 per cent placement for the students in the tourism (French and English) and legal assistant programs. Mrs. Cawthorn had only two students unable to find placement in her areas of secretarial arts, bilingual secretary and retail management.

But there is always the student whose reason for coming to college is not to pursue a career, Mrs. Cawthorn said. That student is not actively concerned with job search and he will not find a job.

It takes a lot of effort on the part of the student, Mrs. Puttee said. And it takes a lot of effort on the part of the co-op counsellors.

Both Mrs. Puttee and Mrs. Cawthorn have been making about three times more contacts than usual. "We get frustrated and discouraged, too," Mrs. Puttee said. "But we're not giving up. Because the students are slowly getting placed."

Jobs are not plentiful. Unemployment in the Niagara peninsula is 19 per cent. Both co-op cournsellors said students will have to leave the Niagara peninsula to find summer work. They will have to work harder. They will have to have perseverance, working skills and personal skills.

The fact many students do not have jobs does not worry Mrs. Cawthorn. April and May are hectic months, she said. There are several students who have been offered jobs but just have not signed on the dotted line. "Employers do not start early recruiting of summer help and all of a sudden they need people the day before yesterday."

JOB REALITIES

It is very important to spend time preparing the students for the reality of the job search, the interview and the job, Mrs. Puttee said. A well-prepared student will have a much better chance of getting a job.

And the sutdents are getting interviews, Mrs. Cawthorn said. With the help of government subsidies and the Ontario Youth Employment Program (OYEP), there is reason to remain optimistic. Because OYEP did not come into effect until April 11, many employers have held off hiring until this date.

OYEP is a government program designed to encourage employers to hire youth between 15 and 24 and to provide 20 to 40 hours of work per week for eight to 20 consecutive weeks. If these requirements are not met, the Ontario government will pay $1.25 per hour of the wages.

There is competition from 13 colleges offering co-op programs. Fortunately, most of them offer co-op programs in technology courses, while Niagara College does not, Mrs. Puttee said. Still, students cannot afford to put restrictions on the location of their job; they must be willing to accept the minimum wage of $3.50 per hour and they must be qualified to handle whatever duties are included in the job.

"I wish I had a crystal ball to project into the future, but I don't," Mrs. Cawthorn said.

Mrs. Puttee said co-op education is one of the best modes of education and students return from their work experience with more enthusiasm, maturity and reinforced career goals.

Mrs. Puttee and Mrs. Cawthorn are optimistic students will find work by early June.

Offer computer experience to meet business demand

A new microcomputer lab opening at Niagara College next week will offer computer experience in daytime, evening and weekend classes.

The continuing education department is advertising in serveral newspapers and in the magazine, Let's Talk Business, to promote the programs. Niagara College is also presenting a promotional display of the microcomputer at Niagara Square in Niagara Falls, April 22-23.

Candace Paris, a continuing education manager, said the programs are set up to meet the demands of companies who are asking their staff to have basic training in the use of microcomputers, to help the unemployed find work in the job market, and just to give people a chance to find out for themselves how computers work.

In the summer, there will be a computer camp for children age eight to 11 in the morning, and in the afternoon. The camp will be run in four sections. Each child will have 18 hours of working experience with a computer.

The lab under the continuing education department will provide basic training for business, professional, industrial, and personal development this summer.

There will be a general interest course for home enthusiasts. In addition, the public can have access to the computers under the supervision of a technician.

The courses are at the Welland Campus in Hennepin Hall. There are 18 stations for 18 students in each course.

10.1 per cent increase

An overall dollar increase of 10.1 per cent was the result of the first round of seat negotiations for adult training programs between Niagara College and area Canada Employment Centres (CES), Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

"Generally, we felt Niagara College did quite well." While some programs will end, new ones will be introduced and others changed which increases the school's income from adult training programs from $3,054,000 to $3,363,000 for the 1983-84 fiscal year, Miss Robarts said.

Although there were not many "potential upsets," Miss Robarts said two programs, electronics/industrial controls (EIC) and bricklayer/carpenter will end. One full-time teacher will be affected by the EIC phase-out. Students still taking the course in August will be transferred to other schools.

While 34 seats were purchased for the bricklayer/carpenter program for this fiscal year, the college has been told that no more will be bought after March 31, 1984, Miss Robarts said.

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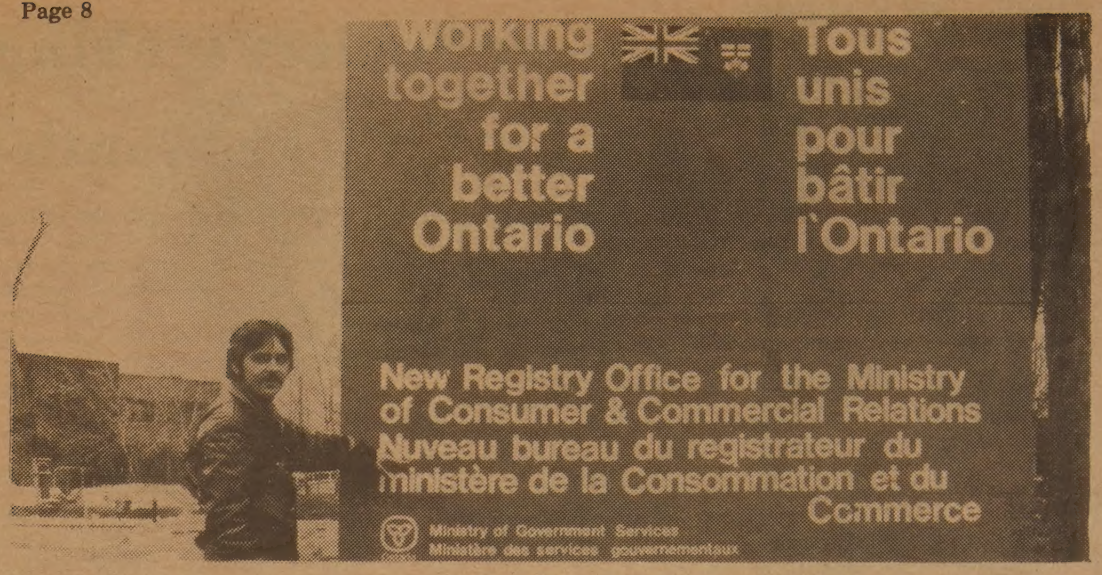
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O–O–O–P–S Don Bernard points out inefficiency in the government's French translation in this sign posted on Division Street in Welland.

(Photo by Duhaime)

Ambulance students show public displays

Students of the ambulance and emergency care program were out educating the public April 15 and 16 with a multi-media presentation entitled More Than Just A Ride.

Displays in front of the Woolco Store in the Seaway mall, Welland, included a blood pressure clinic, continual CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) demonstrations, intravenous therapy, ambulances and emergency care unit to name a few.

The students stressed the importance that the public should be better educated in life-saving procedures such as CPR and first aid. "An ambulance has an approximate seven minute response time. A heart attack victim must be revived within four minutes," student Matt Leskiw said. "It's very important for people to know what to do before the ambulance arrives."

One of the most popular displays was the blood pressure clinic. One of the leading causes of heart attck is high blood pressure, Sandra Lloyd said. "If you have high blood pressure, it is something to worry about and you should see a doctor."

The displays were designed and conducted by the students with the help of program co-ordinator Frank Adamson and Rick Chandler, teacher. The students worked in shifts and moved from booth to booth. They really had to know their stuff to answer all the questions asked them by interested spectators.

Andy the Ambulance, a Welland ambulance, was on display for the children alone with two attendants and recording about what to do and what not to do around an ambulance. "Most of the kids are still afraid to come into the ambulance,"one of the attendants said. Relda Unrau did an excellent voice and tape presentation on the history of the ambulance.

Outside the mall an Emergency Support Unit from Toronto was open for viewing. The bus can hold up to 20 patients and each unit has its own oxygen supply and trauma kit.

Three different scenarios were done—on choking, burning and falling from a ladder. The students enacted the situations realistically and gave step-by-step explanations on how to treat the victims.

International scene sets fashion trends

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

Constant exposure to differing lifestyles, people, social conditions and culture is an important prerequisite for a successful career in the fashion industry, Paul McDonough, program co-ordinator for the Paris Fashion Institute, told Niagara College fashion arts students and staff.

Mr. McDonough, on a promotion and lecture tour for the institute, spoke to 50 students April 7 about the international high fashion scene. He presented a slide show depicting recent fashion trends.

The 30-year-old American said, "Fashion students must get involved with unique experiences such as avant-garde theatre because it is this constant exposure that shapes their ideas about the world and about fashion."

PAUL MCDONOUGH

A graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, he teaches classes at the Parisian school as well as doing freelance consulting for Young Innovators of New York. His work involves worldwide travel for lecturing and fashion consulting.

The international fashion scene is "truly international today," Mr. McDonough said. There are four major centres—Paris, Milan, New York and Tokyo. Paris is still the "most creative city with the most outlandish clothes." However, it does not have the biggest market any more.

New York is the North American fashion base. Designers here watch Europe for trends, Mr. McDonough said. Tokyo produces the most original, unique fabrics in the world. "Japanese fashion in the mid '80s will be where Italian fashion was in the mid '70s."

The slide show focused on the designs of the 21 most influential designers in the world. "Three per cent of the sales from these 21 designers influence 90 per cent of the designs in the international marketplace."

From classic, traditional clothes of Saint Laurent and Halston to the ultra-modern Japanese designers, the slides showed elegant evening wear, sports clothes, punk fashions, the "poor girl" look and everything in-between.

Fashion people should support new styles even if they don't like them, Mr. McDonough said. "If something is new, strong and ugly, it is something to investigate. The fashion world thrives on newness."

The fashion trends for 1983-84 are the Marilyn Monroe, hourglass outfits and the Japanese "poor girl" look. Wide shoulders, tapered waists and fitted suits will be popular as will tattered, drab, grey and brown clothes that characterize the "poor" look.

The more outrageous fashions are not meant to be worn, he assured students. They are ideas and they set trends for the rest of the fashion world. Other designers adapt the look to more wearable clothes.

The top designers go to fabric fairs for their inspiration, Mr. McDonough said. According to the fabrics they pick, they design certain styles for their collections in March and April. The fashion press cover the collections and spread the news of trends to the world market.

"Follow your own ideas because experience helps in this business. I tell fashion arts students to wear their own fashions because if they don't wear them, nobody will."

Students display art

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Niagara College fine arts students put on an impressive exhibition of their work in the Hennipen art gallery last week.

The exhibition opened April 15 and about 100 people came to view the works of the 37 students.

Treveor Fregren, general manager of International Nickel Company (INCO), who opened the exhibition said, "Ken Cosgrove has done a fine job handling these young students. And, "he joked," also the more mature ones, too."

The works including silk screening, pointillism, watercolors, oils, pottery and batik ranged from graphic to realistic.

The gallery, however, was overcrowded with people viewing the work. Mr. Cosgrove said the gallery was meant for one-man shows.

The students who displayed their art are enrolled in the General College Diploma course with a Fine Arts option. Mr. Cosgrove said the course is used as a "springboard" to Ontario College of Art (OCA). In recent years 85 per cent of the graduates have been accepted into OCA. He said some graduates have formed a group called The Peninsula Seven. The group have shown their work at Mohawk College and hope to have an exhibition in Toronto soon.

The exhibition was put on in co-operation with Hennepin Art Gallery, a charitable non-profit community organization.

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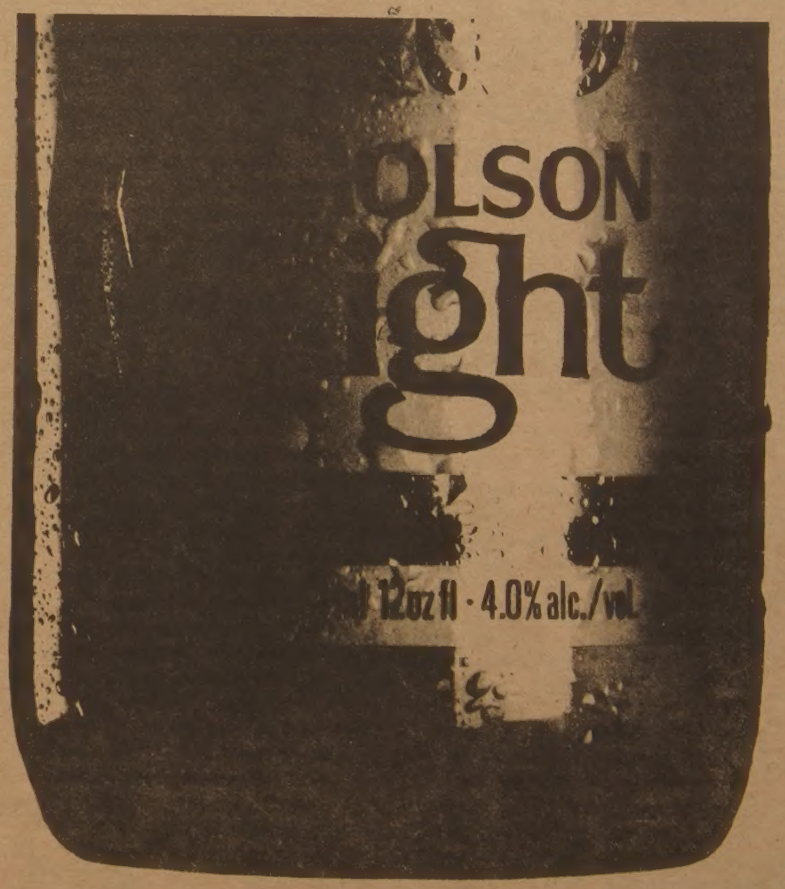

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ENTERTAINMENT

Milo, the main character of the Phantom Tollbooth bids adieu to the Princesses and the Spelling Bee. The play shows children that learning can be fun.

(Photo by Gretzinger)

Play for kids

Education fun experience

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

The first evening performance of The Phantom Tollbooth proved to be an entertaining play for children that contained a comfortable sense of humor and adventure to stimulate the collective imagination of the audience, with symbolism running magically throughout.

The message was clear and transmitted in an interesting fashion April 15 by the almost-professional acting, props, lighting, sound and setting of the stage.

Stage setting was a unique composition of eight platforms, symbolizing the heroic development of the central character, Milo, played by Monique Lalonde, and the different levels of imagination the child in the audience could achieve.

The freckle-faced boy matures through a variety of adventures that lead to a conclusion which holds a significant message for all children.

Acting was an interesting combination of roles: 14 students displayed their versatility by taking on 45 roles. When Milo enters the land of the Doldrums, the dragging boredom etched on the faces of the students and the sagging fluctuations of voice induced infectious yawns from the audience. Tock, the Watchdog, Martin Zwicker, manages to uphold a cuddly feeling of a puppy with his expressions of curiosity and cute willingness to fight anything that appears threatening.

The light induced an aura of magic with splashes of color playing on the waves painted on the black platforms of the stage. Children of the audience appeared mesmerized by the play of color on the black background.

Although there were a few miscues, they were handled with a keen sense of humor by the students. In one incident, an artificial trumpet was brought onto stage but when the music didn't begin on cue, the student in the potentially embarrassing situation shook the bugle with a whimsical expression as if the notes were stuck inside.

Such a sense of humor runs through all students involved in the play. Children awaiting entrance had begun mischievously playing with the doors when one of the students approached hunched over and glaring like a witch. The children giggled and moved away from the doors.

Sparkle

The sparkle of education was never so impresssed upon the minds of children as in this play. Learning was a fun opportunity and that message was throughout the play in scenes such as the one in which Milo and his friends are served food by the Mathemagician, Paul Massey, and find that the more they eat, the more hungry they become. Just one example of the fine symbolism that is nicely executed by the Niagara College Theatre Centre. The hidden message received by the child is that one can never get enough education. The more knowledge one gains, the more one realizes how much more there is left to learn.

The play continues today and tomorrow with shows at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Sports show phone - in

Niagara College students will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the national local sports scene next year.

The sports staff of Campus Radio Niagara College (CRNC) will be conducting a 30-minute phone-in sports program next year once a week.

Tobin Lambie and CRNC regulars Mark Newman and Randy Wile will be the hosts of the program. The show will take callers' views and questions on sports and have on-the-air discussions on who will win and why.

Topics will include hockey, baseball and football. The show was aired for the first time two weeks ago and was a 15-minute talk show which dealt with the hockey playoffs. A second show was aired on Friday, April 22. It was a 30-minute phone-in program which dealt with baseball.

The CRNC advertises the talk show on Armstrong Cable in Welland and Maclean Hunter in St. Catharines. Cable listeners can call from home by dialing 688-1380 extension 300 in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Welland listeners call 735-2211 extension 300.

Busy guest designer plans special effects

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

ROY ROBITSCHEK

The final Niagara College Theatre Centre project is a "spacy Wizard of Oz-type" that requires the designer to make as many locations on one stage as possible and tie them together, Roy Robitschek, guest designer, said.

Mr. Robitschek, 27, was set, costume, light, and graphics designer for the final production, The Phantom Tollbooth. He said his job was to " come up with the physical space to work in for the actors ... make the traffic work" so movements seem natural and not forced. "I equate being a designer to being a toy maker; it's got to be fun to play with and useful."

Because there were about 40 costumes to design and limited budget to work with, Mr. Robitschek picked one basic design for all. All costumes were lab coats with painted-on dress according to the character.

The stage consisted of about eight levels of black platforms with waves of painted color. The central platform had rectangular lights running up its middle that flashed to give the effect of motion. Splashes of technical light focussed on designated areas of the stage to produce a magical aura and shadows.

"My job is like working with sculpture," he said.

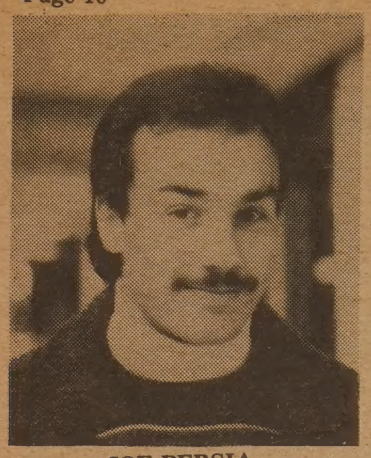
He has designed from 43 to 47 shows in two years but said the "norm is five to 12 per year."

Mr. Robitschek, who refers to himself as the busiest designer in Canada, has travelled from his home in Nepean, Ont., to Saskatoon, Halifax, Fredericton, and Rockland, outside Ottawa, which has brought the total to 14 theatres he has worked at in two seasons.

In 1971, Mr. Robitschek saw his first show and from that decided his career lay in theatre. Seven months later he wrote and directed his first show and did a small amount of acting. Then he decided he was "writing so I could direct and directing so I could design, so I scrapped writing and directing for design."

It appears to have been the right choice. Every four years each country chooses best designers from the last four years to exhibit their work in Prague, Czechoslovakia. About 40 countries are involved from June 15 to July 5.

Along with seven others, Mr. Robitschek was chosen by a committee for his set for Endgame, performed in the Neptune theatre in Halifax. He said he has "no real interest in the prize if there is one" but is excited to see the other works in the exhibit.



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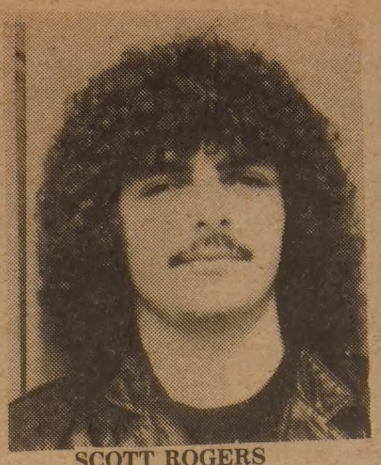


SCOTT ROGERS

DAVE MILLER

Roving Reporter

Do you have a summer job? Are there any jobs out there for Niagara college students? What is your comment on the summer employment situation?

By SUE KMITA
and LINDA MACLEOD
Staff Writers

Joe Persia, second- year personnel management: I'm working at Canadian Tire Acceptance Office here in Welland full-time as a data entry clerk. I'm happy I'm working and I realize there isn't a heck of a lot out there.

Ken Kormos, second- year electrical power technology: I hope I will be working at General Motors in the plant or possibly in the office because I've worked there in previous summers. I've never had any problems getting a job.

Jacky Van Roestel, second-year business administration and industrial management: I will be working in a sports store in Exeter, outside of London. I was pretty lucky because my brother-in-law owns a couple of sports stores. I was fortunate since there are some students who are still looking for a job.

Scott Rogers, first-year radio and television: I will be working at Factory Surplus Liquidators in St. Catharines as vice-president of the store and the factory. The only reason I could get the job was because my father owns it. It would be a drag if I didn't have a job. I would have to pick fruit or something or work at McDonald's.

Brenda Lowe, first-year data processing: I am trying to find a summer job and I've applied to a few places. It's too hard to find a job.

Dave Miller, second-year business administration and industrial management: Right now I am working as a bartender and waiter at Queenston Heights Restaurant. I worked there last year and I am satisfied with my job. I figure I won't get a job anywhere else because of the employment situation.

Summer program for jobs abroad

Unemployment is high. Jobs are hard to come by. Niagara College students are going to be facing a tough summer financially.

The Canadian Student Traveller magazine describes an alternative. It may not make you rich, but it does offer adventure, education and travelling.

The magazine advertises a Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) to full-time Canadian students. This program helps students find summer jobs in four different countries; Britain, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand.

The jobs available to students vary from a sheep shearer to a chambermaid. Nevertheless, this job may become a lifetime experience.

Interested students should apply at least 35 days before the date for departure from Canada. The student must arrange and purchase round-trip transportation through Travel Cuts agencies.

There are SWAP offices located in the four countries to help you find a job and living accommodations. The chances of meeting another Canadian student are good.

More details can be obtained from the Canadian Student Traveller magazine as to where Travel Cuts agencies are located.

It may not be the long, boring summer anticipated by some students. Instead the nightmare of searching for a job may turn into a fantasy.

Fine Arts classes begin

Niagara College will operate a Fine Arts School at the Welland Campus for three weeks beginning May 2.

Niagara peninsula's practising artists will have the opportunity to develop and enhance their fine arts skills and at the same time learn to market their products successfully.

The first intensive Fine Arts Program has been organized at the initiative of Ken Cosgrove, teacher, and Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College.

The Fine Arts School will include a brief overview of art development along with expert instruction from local artists Ken Cosgrave and Ken Gend, and photographer Gordon Lawson. Techniques in watercolor, life drawing and photography will be illustrated.

Guest lecturers will speak on marketing tips, historical perspectives, and small business management. The students will plan an art show and sale of their work, open to the public on Sunday, May 22, in the Tecumseh Foyer.

Metric: Give a kilometre, they'll take a mile

By LINDA KOBRYN
Staff Writer

Inch by inch, millimetre by painful millimetre, Canada is in throes of metric conversion. From the supermarket counters, the fabric counters and the gas pumps, opposition to metrication has emerged and some are risking jail to keep the imperial measure.

The Canadian government feels the benefit of metric is its simplicity and convenience in education and commerce. It also believes because the majority of nations have converted, conversion is inevitable for Canada to avoid being an inch-pound island. Rumors surround metric conversion in Canada.

Rumors

Rumor has it that Australia, New Zealand, England and the big holdout, the United States, has shelved metrication. There are those who say forced metrication contravenes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and are in court to prove it.

In Canada, the metric issue began in 1970 when the government voted unanimously on a proposal (White Paper) to consider metric conversion. Metrication was given royal assent in November, 1977.

The following year when people became affected, opposition to change began to emerge. Two gallop polls, one in 1979 and another two years later, showed how much and who was opposed to metrics. The older population, 67 per cent, opposed conversion and half of those in their middle years objected to it. Within two years, opposition rose to 52 per cent from 49. However, not everyone is opposed to metric.

"The kilometre is not pronounced the same as in Europe and the temperature should be degree centigrade, not Celsius," Eugene Maltais, government instructor, said. Mr. Maltais feels these small factors make Canada's metric not "generic"otherwise he doesn't object. There are those who just want the whole issue settled one way or the other. Those opposed do so for emotional and sometimes logical reasons.

John Muggeridge, English instructor, feels the "old method is more scientific. Mathematics is most ideal-if divided by more than two numbers." Imperial measure is "more accurate." Metric may be easier for children, but he "hates" it."Converting to metric is also breaking a cultural link with our past."

Mr. Muggeridge's convictions are upheld by David F. Bartlett, author of Metric Debate, who said, "If metric is legislated it may deprive future generations of a truly optimal system." Mr. Bartlett isn't alone with his feelings.

Petition

The physics department, University of Colorado, signed a petition in 1975 urging rejection of metric legislation. Considering that European scientists and engineers had not fully accepted the metric system, they felt that within a generation there could be a modern system "combining metric and the imperial system."

The U.S., Canada's largest trading partner, has opted out of metric conversion. Ambassador Paul Robinson told the New York Times that metric conversion was "rubbish" and was opposed to by most Americans.

David Gorin, of the American Metric Board, in a speech to Canada's Metric Commission, said, "The present administration will not put out the dollars to change American attitudes."

Two polls in the U.S. by the General Accounting Office and the National Metric Board showed that metric isn't necessary to get or keep customers, nor is it a factor in cost increases. For big industries: price, reliability, quality and superior technology were important in getting new customers. Samll industries ranked: inflation, interest rates and energy costs more important in cost increses than conversion costs. The big industries had been trading for years using various measurement systems.

TheCanadian government continues with metric conversion in spite of opposition and inspite of the fact conversion isn't necessary to increase or maintain customers.

Despite the U.S. position opposing metric, they still accept Canada's metric products and some states and industries have started conversion already.

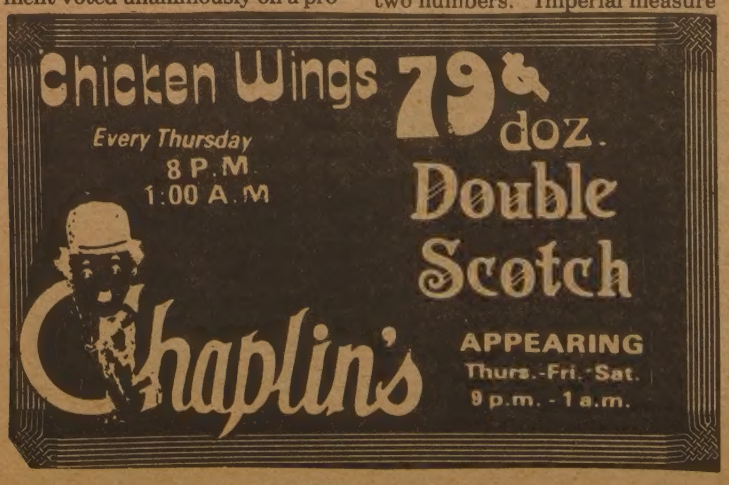
If the U.S. does not legislate conversion it will have a gradual conversion through industry or a dual system will evolve. The U.S. will be forced to compromise because of continual trading with metric partners—or it will be an inch-pound island.

England, despite rumors, has not put metrication on hold. Canada's second largest trading partner has "by and large completed conversion to metrics," according to the British Consulate, Toronto. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has disbaned the metric board. "It wasn't a choice for the counrty, it was an obligation," and it went fairly smoothly the spokesman said.

Neither is Australia rethinking metric conversion. Conversion began 11 years ago in 1970 and becaue its work was done the metric board was disbaned. "The changes created scarcely a ripple," said Ian Stewart in the letter to the metric Monitor, June, 1982.

A New Zealand visitor was surprised about the "fuss" over metric in Canada. In New Zealand "the government announced metrication would be introduced and completed by a certain date and that's all there was to it," Fane Atkinson wrote to the Metric Monitor, July, 1982. She wondered whether Canadians are "less flexible" to change or perhaps a bigger population meant more "hassle."

Whether metric is more scientific, whether it is necessary to compete, or whether the law is legal in Canada is unimportant. Canada has passed the point of no return in converting to metrics.



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SPORTS

Carolyn St. Angelo, most valuable women's basketball player and Russell Stevenson, coach of the women's basketball team. (Photo by Stewart)

(Left) Niagara Knights' women's basketball team enjoyed an outstanding year by finishing third in Ontario. The team was coached by Russell Stevenson. (Photo by Stewart)

Banquet honors top athletes

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

Paul Weller was named male athlete of the year and Nancy Mather female athlete of the year at the annual sports banquet held April 12.

Paul, a second-year hotel and restaurant student from Fonthill, was cited for his two years of outstanding play on the men's basketball team.

Nancy, a first-year student in sales and merchandising, from St. Catharines, was chosen for her two years of outstanding play on the women's basketball team.

Last year, Paul was named freshman athlete of the year; he averaged 19 points per game. This season, with the team's balanced scoring attack, he averaged 16 points per contest.

Paul said he was surprised at receiving the award and said other members of the team should be given credit as well. He is looking forward to next season and hopes the team can improve.

Nancy averaged 12 points per game this season and was leader on the court. Nancy also played on two champion volleyball teams.

Their awards were presented by Mayor Eugene Stranges.

The award for most valuable player for men's basketball went to Mark Ford, an accounting student from St. Catharines. Mark averaged 10 points per game in his first season and did an excellent job rebounding.

Carolyn St. Angelo was the most valuable women's basketball player. Carolyn amassed 748 points over 58 games of an average of 13 points per game.

Really surprised

"I was really surprised," she said. "Anyone on the team could have been picked."

Dave O'Laughlin was named most valuable player for men's hockey. In his first year on the team, Dave was the second leading scorer in the league with 37 points on 15 goals and 21 assists.

"My teammates helped me a lot," Dave said. "My linemates, John Andrews and Mark Sneider were especially helpful."

The Female Freshman athlete of the year went to Janice Hogeveen for women's basketball. Janice showed steady improvement all season and should be a mainstay next year.

Dave O'Laughlin was male freshman athlete of the year for his fine play on the hockey team.

Athletic letters were presented to: Mike Kalapos and Brenda Lens for curling; Patti Anderson and Brent Johnson for badminton; Anne Young, Nancy Mather, Dawn Sheran, Judy Helstab, Shelley Russell and Coral Whidden for women's basketball; Paul Weller, Dave Boc, Don Campbell, Mark Thomson and Scott Allen for men's basketball; David Lissaman for tennis; and Mark Sneider, Jim Long, Mark Toner, Al Cousineau and Joe Persia for ice hockey.

To receive a letter, an athlete must earn 40 points. Points are awarded by the coaches and no more than 25 points per year may be given to any one player.

The athletes of distinction awards were given to students who amassed at least 55 points over a two-year period. The winners were: Dave Boc, Paul Weller, Pat Morrissey, Judy Helstab and Nancy Mather for basketball; Jay Horton for hockey; and Dave Fish for curling.

Intramural champions from ice hockey, floor hockey, touch football, volleyball, badminton, tennis and golf were presented with medals.

Wanda Van Gelder, third-year technology student, and Kevin Tait, an ambulance program student, won the Molson Intramural Award for most dedicated competitor.

The Molson Intramural Award for outstanding competitor was presented to Carol Jarrett, who is enrolled in the ambulance program, and Ken Kormos, a third year technology student.

PETER RYLANDER

Head table guests

Among the head table guests were: Fred Bassi, Niagara Knights' hockey coach; Russell Stevenson, women's basketball coach; Paul Deeton, men's basketball coach; Bette Ferguson, director of student services; and Mayor Stranges.

The presentation of the awards went smoothly under the guidance of athletic co-ordinator Pete Rylander. Mr. Rylander was shocked when he was presented with a special "perfect hookshot season" award for his uncanny ability to score a basket with a hookshot before each basketball game.

The Heat, a group of law and security students, ousted Mama's Boys to capture the softball tournament held April 14. In all, nine teams competed.

Niagara Knights' Men's basketball team

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Animals need love, too.

(Photo by Gareau)

AAS seeks new homes for rejected animals

By CHRIS GAREAU
Staff Writer

Spring is a season of new life. Grass, flowers and plants are budding everywhere. And animals are being born in abundance.

Due to a shortage of homes, these animal births are creating a problem for the Animal Assistance Society (AAS), St. Catharines.

The AAS is a group of volunteers dedicating their time and energy to caring for homeless animals. When the owner of an animal dies, moves to an apartment, or cannot keep a new litter, the AAS will care for the animals until it can find them a good home.

Volunteers take on the responsibility of paying kennel fees, taking the animals for a medical check-up, having them neutered if necessary and searching for homes for the animals.

Because the AAS needs thousands of dollars to operate each year, volunteers are also responsible for fund-raising events.

Each month a general meeting take place. The AAS holds bake sales, bazaars, used book sales, ticket draws, tag days and flea markets.

A flea market is held at the Fairview Mall, St. Catharines, every Sunday. Fund raising events are also held at the Seaway Mall, Welland.

Interviewers are needed to help find homes for the animals. No animal is placed in a home that hasn't been approved by the AAS.

And it is the homes that are needed most at this time of year. The AAS places hundreds of animals in loving homes each year and spring is the busiest season.

Cats, dogs, kittens, puppies, any animal can become a good friend and companion. And one who is looking for a pet can help the AAS by offering to take one of their homeless animals.

Roy Johnson, AAS president, would be pleased to hear from people looking for pets. He can be contacted at his home on Niagara-on-the-Lake, 468-3949.

Computer bug 'bytes' Canadian consumers

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

The average Canadian is still misinformed and computer-illiterate, even though it is commonly accepted that the world is in the midst of a micro-processing revolution, Dr. Gordon Chen of Niagara College says.

"Just as you must know how to read and write, you must also have basic knowledge of microcomputers to function and compete for a job in today's world," he told a seminar on How to Select and Buy a Microcomputer.

Feature speaker

Dr. Chen, chairman of the education chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), was the featured speaker at the IEEE-sponsored seminar at the Westinghouse Auditorium in Hamilton April 6.

It is not necessary to spend thousands of dollars to have a good basic computer, he said.

When making a choice, remember that the Central Processing Unit, (CPU), which is, in effect, the brain of the computer is the same in different brands of computers, he said. Atom, Atari, PET Commodore and the Apple brand computers all have more or less the same capabilities. There are computers on the market which will fill a variety of needs from as little as $99.95.

Do not wait for a better and cheaper computer to come along before buying, Dr. Chen said. "If you wait, you can be waiting indefinitely. Something different is always coming out."

By now, everyone knows that the home and personal computer is not practical for balancing a chequebook or recording kitchen recipes because it takes less time to do these things the conventional way, he said.

The most important use of the home and personal computer is to establish computer literacy. The home computer can also be entertaining when used as a video game, but that should never be the basis for a decision in buying one.

"Buy a computer with the games attachment, but never buy a game with a computer attachment. The companies who design computers as games are not interested in promoting computer literacy—they are only interested in selling games," Dr. Chen said.

Look at the operating manual. "You do not want a manual with the pictures or Mickey Mouse instructions or you will outgrow it within a month." It takes a lot of elbow grease and usually a good night-school course to become computer-knowledgeable. Any computer with a manual that makes it look too easy is probably not a good investment.

Bye, Ma Bell, hello, savings

A new telephone system, to be installed at Niagara College by the end of April, will link the Welland Vale campus more closely to it sister school in Welland, Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

The college is changing from the Bell Canada rental phone system to its own phone system. "We hope to save about half a million dollars over 10 years," Mr. Zanutto said.

In addition, the new system will tie the two campuses together due to the centralized attendant service (CAS). All calls for the Welland campus and Welland Vale are centralized through one operator. This will eliminate the use of outside lines and operators and calls will be processed much faster.

STARTS FRIDAY

The change-over date will be April 29 and "by the following week, our own system will be operational," Mr. Zanutto said. Forty rental telephones at Welland Vale will be replaced by college-owned ones.

After the telephone cabling has been done, the jacks will be installed and the phones put in. There will be a training system to show staff how to use the new service in the last two weeks of April.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed that everything runs smoothly," Mr. Zanutto said. "We expect some problems—computers always have bugs in them—but we have timed this for the end of the school year so there should not be a lot of calls."

Referring to the training program at the Welland campus, Mr. Zanutto said Geri Newell and Sandra Kerr, group leaders and trainers, and Helen Wallace and Sindy Lupul, switchboard operators, would receive extended training. They will act as Niagara College's resident experts in the use of the new system.

TAKES TRAINING

College staff will be required to take one hour of training on the new system. These groups will be limited to 15 persons per session and names will be assigned on a "first-come first-served" basis.

All telephones will be jacked and extra jacks wil be installed to accommodate future moves. Mr. Zanutto said having a jack in an area does not mean a phone will be installed there. "We are planning to install many extra jacks so that future telephone locations will cost us minimal time annd money."

Telephone sets will be programmed and a code will be required to make long distance calls. Certain telephones will have access to different places, Mr. Zanutto said. "By restricting telephone sets, we can control some of the misuse of the telephone system." Rumors that telephone conversations will be recorded to prevent misuse of telephones are false, he said.

Classified

ABORTION—Ever had one? Thinking about having one? I'm doing research into the state of Abortion in the Niagara Region and would like to talk to you. All replies confidential. Call Luisa at 682-5840, evenings, after 7 p.m.

FOUND

A set of keys was found in the parking lot. They seem to have been there all winter.

For information call Counselling in the Voyageur Block.

Nurses feel isolated from rest of college

By DENISE SEDORE
Staff Writer

The students of Mack nursing Centre, satellite campus of Niagara College, are a close-knit group, but they often feel isolated.

The nursing students, generally, said they do not feel like a part of Niagara College. Liz Moore, first-year student, said they don't want to sound like complainers but there are some problems.

"We don't get informed of events soon enough. A lot of us wanted to see the Payolas on pub night but we found out about it when it was over."

Students feel like a satellite campus—at a distance from events. She said since Mack is in St. Catharines, they do not have the advantage of seeing information about forth coming events at first hand.

Mack is located on Queenston Street in St. Catharines. There are about 300 students from all over the peninsula. Most students commute which means there are a lot of cars to park. Some students have had parking problems. Very little free parking is available. There is a one-hour parking limit on the the street.

"I have had two $5 and three $3 tickets for parking on the street, because there was nowhere else to park," Liz said.

For 75 cents a day a limited number can park at a gas station across the street. The students would like to see an improvement in parking facilities. "There should be a parking lot set up for us," Liz, who said she spoke for her fellow classmates as well as herself, said.

Since nursing students have the same career goal, there is little friction among them. The first-year students are divided into four groups, and each group tends to be supportive of each other. There are about 30 students per group.

"The teachers are very good and easy to talk to,"Liz said. "You have to be understanding to be a nurse and the instructors set the example by showing they care," Liz said.

Participation in social events has been good. Lunch socials held this year were funded by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) and organized by Mack representatives. Nursing students enjoyed a free pizza lunch at the start of the year as well as a hot dog lunch held last month.

"It gives us something to look forward to," Liz said. They do not have a cafeteria and the General Hospital has recently restricted the nurses from their cafeteria. Students are forced to "brown bag" it or succumb to cravings for junk food. They do have pop, coffee, cigarettes, and candy machines. "The lunch socials, therefore, are a great change."

Final performance

The Who attracts die-hard rock fans

Avid fans of rock group the Who flocked to the cafeteria April 15 to see a video of the band's "farewell concert."

The concert, filmed in Toronto last December, was scheduled as the band's last performance.

The Who is ageless. Fans never seem to tire of the music and stage antics of this group, which is one of the oldest and perhaps biggest rock acts in the world next to the Rolling Stones.

Warming up for The Who were DJs Steve Babela and Pat Thomas. Their music and the cheap beer got the audience ready for the main event.

At 9 o'clock, the figures of Pete Townshend, Roger Daltry, John Entwistle and Kenny Jones appeared on the screen amid roars of applause from the Toronto and Niagara College audiences.

Unfortunately for the people sitting at the back, the video was shown on a three by four-foot screen on the stage and was played at a low volume. This prompted many die-hard Who fans to move to the front to catch a better glimpse of their hard-rock heroes.

By 10:30 many people had left, perhaps because of the poor audiovisual quality. Those who remained watched the final minutes of the concert in a leisurely way, sipping on their suds and eating beef on buns.

Door prizes were given away. Susan Gillissie won the grand prize—a week's free rental of a video machine and game.

Brian Sommers, Barry Johnston and Glenna Clark all won large stuffed animals, while Mike Fancy and John Sherwin both won Who T-shirts.

The pub was sponsored by secretarial arts and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

New classes

The School of Business is offering five certificate programs to meet the needs of part-time students, Ivar Noren, chairman of development and special programs, said.

The programs are: accounting for managerial decisions, computer systems and management, industrial supervision and controls, management of human resources, and secretarial skills.

These courses will be offered at the Welland Campus, Resource Centre for Skill Development at the Welland Vale Campus, St. Catharines, and the Rainbow Hotel Centre, Niagara Falls.

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